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Assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating floods

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the loss of human life and the unprecedented destruction of property and infrastructure caused in recent weeks by the worst ever floods in Bangladesh,

Considering that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

Recognizing that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

Recognizing also the large-scale relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the Government and people of Bangladesh to alleviate the suffering of disaster victims and to put the country back on the road to development,

Conscious of the fact that international assistance and investment over time are required to mitigate and prevent the consequences of such disasters,

Noting the appeal made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the international community for help and assistance for the flood-affected people of Bangladesh,

Noting also, the appeal to the international community by the Prime Minister and the Government of Bangladesh to come forward with assistance to recover from the disastrous floods,

1. *Expresses* its solidarity with the Government and the people of Bangladesh, who are bravely facing the disaster;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international financial institutions and

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non-governmental organizations, to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the unprecedented calamity;

3. *Expresses* its gratitude to Member States, international organizations within and outside the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and individuals and groups that have so generously assisted the Government of Bangladesh in its immediate relief and rehabilitation efforts;

4. *Also expresses* its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General for the urgent steps he has taken to mobilize humanitarian assistance and to coordinate activities of the United Nations agencies in the field for purposeful and unified assistance by the international community, and requests him to continue these efforts through effective measures;

5. *Requests* relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to take all necessary measures to provide support and assistance to Bangladesh to strengthen its capacity for disaster preparedness and prevention programmes and to implement its plans and programmes for seeking a long-term and effective solution to the problems caused by floods and other natural disasters.